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SUBJ: ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF CPC REPORT ON UNEP

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1. STEDMAN, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNEP, CALLED MEETING JUNE 6 OF PERMREPS OF MEMBER STATES OF ECOSOC REPRESENTED IN NAIROBI. STEDMAN DESCRIBED MEETING AS "DELICATE" AND STATED HE WISHED TO REVIEW RECENT CPC REPORT ON MEDIUM-TERM PLAN OF UNEP FOR WHATEVER FOLLOW-UP

ACTION PERMREPS WISH TO TAKE. HE POINTED OUT THAT COORDINATION ITEMS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN GENEVA BY ECOSOC DURING WEEK OF JULY 12. STEDMAN ADMITTED THAT MEETING AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN CPC MEMBERS AND EXDIR TOLBA WERE HEATED.

2. AT THE OUTSET OF THE MEETING STEDMAN CIRCULATED
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SUMMARY RECORDS OF THOSE CPC MEETINGS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION

OF THE ENVIRONMENT. HE ALSO CIRCULATED THE DRAFT REPORT OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE CPC DOCUMENT (E/AC.51/L.80/ADD.17) AND AN INFORMAL PAPER CONTAINING UNEP COMMENTS ON THE REPORT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS AN IN-HOUSE PAPER OR AS A NON-PAPER. THE "NON-PAPER" ENUMERATED SEVERAL CRITICAL COMMENTS MADE ABOUT UNEP BY THE CPC AND CONTAINS THE SECRETARIAT'S REBUTTAL TO THEM. THE PARTICULAR COMMENTS TO WHICH UNEP TAKES EXCEPTION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A) THE PROGRAM INVOLVES DUPLICATION WITH PROGRAMS OF OTHER UN AGENCIES;
- B) THE PLAN IS EXCESSIVELY BROAD AND AMBITIOUS;
- C) THE PLAN LACKS PRECISION AND CLARITY;
- D) THE SECRETARIAT IS NOT SMALL AS ENVISAGED BY STOCKHOLM;
- E) THE PLAN DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ELEMENTS FUNDED BY THE REGULAR BUDGET AND THE FUND OF UNEP; AND
- F) UNEP IS DRIFTING INTO AN OPERATIONAL ROLE.

3. STEDMAN DID NOT MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PERMREPS THE TEXT OF THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN WHICH WAS THE BASIS OF THE CPC DISCUSSION AND REPORT. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, TO SAY TO WHAT EXTENT ITS TEXT JUSTIFIED THE CPC COMMENTS. NEEDLESS TO SAY, SEVERAL OF THE CPC COMMENTS REFLECT CONCERNS THAT THE USG HAS EXPRESSED AT GC MEETINGS. ON THE OTHER HAND WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT MANY OF UNEP'S ACTIVITIES, E.G., IRS, GEMS, IRPTC AND OZONE LAYER, ARE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND VALUE TO US. WITHOUT SAYING SO DIRECTLY, STEDMAN'S OBJECTIVE, OBVIOUSLY, IS TO STIMULATE SOME COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF ECOSOC WHO WERE FAMILIAR WITH UNEP WHICH MIGHT CAST THE PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN A MORE SYMPATHETIC LIGHT AND GIVE MORE "BALANCE" TO THE CPC REPORT. THE PERMREP WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND/OR THE ECOSOC DELEGATION WHAT ACTION IT IS ANTICIPATED WILL BE TAKEN BY ECOSOC ON THE CPC REPORT AND WHETHER THE U.S. DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON IT.

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